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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of :  
Steven R. Slawson et al :  
Application No. 09/783,224 : DECISION GRANTING PETITION  
Filed: February 14, 2001 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(f)  
Attorney Docket No. 281-345 :

This is a substitute decision on the petition, filed November 27, 2002, and supplemented on December 19, 2002,<sup>1</sup> to revive the instant nonprovisional application under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(f). The decision on petition mailed December 23, 2002 is vacated.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner states that the instant nonprovisional application is the subject of an application filed in a foreign country on February 11, 2002. However, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office was unintentionally not notified of this filing within 45 days subsequent to the filing of the subject application in a foreign country.

In view of the above, this application became abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) for failure to timely notify the Office of the filing of an application in a foreign country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.137(f) must be accompanied by:

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<sup>1</sup> The Request to Rescind Previous Nonpublication Request was received in the deciding official's office after the mailing of a decision on December 23, 2002 dismissing the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(f).

- (1) the reply which is met by the notification of such filing in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty;
- (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional.

The instant petition has been found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.137(f). Accordingly, the failure to timely notify the Office of a foreign or international filing within 45 days after the date of filing of such foreign or international application as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The previous Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i) has been rescinded. A Corrected Filing Receipt which sets forth the projected publication date of April 3, 2003 accompanies this decision on petition.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8680.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 2872 for appropriate action on the reply received June 24, 2002.



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ATTACHMENT: Corrected Filing Receipt